



# City of Carlsbad

## Office of the Chief of Police

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#### **SUMMER DUI CRACKDOWN BEGINS PUBLIC ASKED TO CALL 911 TO REPORT DRUNK DRIVERS**

Carlsbad Police Department is preparing for one of the State's most aggressive impaired driving crackdowns of the year, coinciding with the national ***"Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest."*** campaign taking place across the country.

The California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Safety Administration is providing funds for Carlsbad and other law enforcement agencies to conduct sobriety checkpoints and is asking for the public's help in reporting drunk drivers by calling 911.

"We know many citizens have seen someone driving down the road that they thought was drunk, and say to themselves, 'I wish a police officer was here to see this and pull this guy over!' Now, you can do something to help get drunk drivers off the road," said Carlsbad Police Chief Tom Zoll. "We want everyone to drive safely and responsibly. Always designate a sober driver, and if you see a drunk driver on the road, call 911. Help us identify drunk drivers before it is too late. One phone call really can save a life."

*Media Note – The media is invited to "ride-along" at the upcoming checkpoint (date TBA) – please contact Lynn Diamond if interested.*

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## **Spotting & Reporting Drunk Drivers Tip Sheet**

### **REPORT DRUNK DRIVING – Call 911**

1. Call 911 and tell them you wish to report a drunk driver.
2. Give the exact location of the vehicle, including the name of the road or cross streets and the direction they're traveling.
3. Give a complete description of the vehicle, such as make, model, color, license plate number, etc.
4. Describe the manner in which the vehicle is being driven.

### **How to Spot a Drunk Driver**

The following signs can help you detect an impaired driving on the road:

- Turning with a wide radius
- Straddling the center of the road or lane marker
- Appearing to be drunk (i.e., eye fixation, face close to windshield, drinking in the vehicle)
- Almost striking an object or another vehicle
- Weaving or zigzagging across the road
- Driving on surfaces other than a designated roadway
- Swerving or abruptly turning away from a generally straight course
- Turning abruptly or illegally
- Driving slower than 10 mph below the speed limit
- Stopping without cause in a traffic lane
- Stopping inappropriately
- Following others too closely
- Drifting or moving in a straight line at a slight angle to the roadway
- Erratic braking
- Driving into opposing or crossing traffic
- Signaling that is inconsistent with driving actions
- Slow response to traffic signals, including sudden stops and delayed starts
- Driving with headlights off

*Courtesy of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration*

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